

## MINUTES

**Attending: Annabel Sheinberg, Lynette Rasmussen, Erin Trenbeath-Murray, Megan Cisney, Pete Maiden, Carrie Stott, and Christi Christian-minutes**

### **Noon Item 1**

#### **Lynette Rasmussen, Director Comments**

- **Representative of children with special needs**

Raylene felt that it wouldn't be appropriate to let Richard continue to represent special needs children. It was agreed that it would be best to offer the slot to a Representative currently working in the field. Lynette will call Susan Ord, who is the Director of Baby Watch Early Intervention, and ask if she would like to send someone to fill that slot. Lynette has Janet Wade in mind.

- **Parent Representative**

Ann Stockham from OCC was at a social gathering and met a woman named Anna Anderson. Anna meets all the qualifications of the parent representative slot. She came to the October Meeting to check it out and is excited to be joining the committee.

### **12:30 Item 2**

#### **Annabel Sheinberg, Chair Comments**

Annabel is concerned about the recent negative articles that have been published. How should OCC respond?

The best thing to do is to put positive stories in the paper. Lynette wants to celebrate what's right with child care.

OCC will be having a press release to present our 2004 Annual Report. We could invite providers and parents to talk about the good things that are happening in child care.

Another idea is to set up a lunch meeting with reporters and have a discussion. Utah Children could lead it out as a collaborative effort. Or, Raylene and Lynette can meet with Senator Buttars and/or all the senators who have requested the audit.

Erin just wants to warn that this is a licensing issue. She tried to explain at the last Licensing Advisory Meeting that they might be able to spin this towards their benefit. If anonymous complaints are what is stirring the pot with providers, why are we worrying about them? Anonymous complaints only make up 8% of the complaints. Just don't look at them anymore. If licensing drops those, this may just go away.

Suggestion to get rid of unannounced visits borders safety issues. Doing unannounced visits is a hardship for both licensing and the providers. It takes about 4 hours to do this. What if licensors just

"stopped by" and made friendly visits? Just pop in to say hi and make sure the providers don't need anything. Directors of programs would like to be present for licensing visits, for very good reasons.

Annabel is going to write a letter to the editor. She will talk about why it is important to continue to support child care as a community. She'll mention the CCR&Rs and the importance of interactions, reading to children, nurturing, etc. in child care programs.

### 1:00 Item 3

#### **November Advisory Committee DRAFT Agenda Items**

- **Child Care Eligibility Simplification Study Presentation**

There are 11 recommendations. Six of them will be implemented in April 2005.

- Validations process will change. Now it will be called re-certify. This took the process down from 2 ½ hours to 15 minutes.
- Licensed family providers will use the EBT system rather than the two-party check. Also instead of two tiers for family care, family and family group, both will be paid at the family group rate. This is a huge incentive for RC providers to become licensed. They would have the ease of the EBT/IVR system and go up two tiers for payment.
- ORS changes for Duty of Support. This defines cooperation with ORS. DWS will just tell the parent their options, give them the information, but the parent doesn't have to pursue child care support to be eligible for assistance.
- Assets are no longer factored in. Currently there was an \$8,000 limit on assets. There will no longer be an asset limit.
- The policy on non-related, license exempt providers will be cleaned up and clarified.
- Overpayments will be collected differently. The overpayments will automatically be deducted from their subsidy amount (in tiny increments). Currently the parent can either pay it back in one lump sum or set up a payment plan that the worker has to track.

- **Licensing Update- Notebooks, presentation to Deb**

Lynette had asked Deb to give an update on purchasing the notebooks that OCC is funding. Also to give an update on the hearing and audit.

- **Plans for December's Meeting: The Peery Hotel**

December's meeting will be at Christopher's Restaurant in the Peery Hotel. It will be a light and fun meeting with lunch afterwards.

### 1:15 Item 4

#### **Other Business**

No other business.

### 1:30 Item 5

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